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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 20 May 1965

DDCI was in the Chair -- DCI was on the Hill.

Current Intelligence Briefing covered: Dominican Republic; Vietnam; Communist threats against Thailand; truck movements from Laos toward NVN; Bolivia; anti-Banda training of Malawi rebels; Dahome; report, of which [redacted] Terrorists' plans against DeGaulle; [redacted]

[redacted] reports of ChiCom nuclear boasts as discussed at a Party meeting recently [redacted] He noted [redacted] word on squabbling within the Soviet CP which could lead to fireworks at the XXIII Party session.

DDS&T noted unusual range activity at Tyura Tam, suggestive of new test program, possibly involving solid propellants. Evidence is scanty and conclusions will require time.

DDS&T referred to confusing JCS instructions re TROJAN HORSE and BLUESPRINGS coverage of rail lines in the China-NVN area. It was agreed this cable would be shown to DCI for action.

DDS&T said that weather for two TACKLE missions will be examined this afternoon.

DDS&T noted that [redacted] officials are here today to discuss [redacted]

Houston noted that DCI was on the Hill before the Stennis Subcommittee this morning as a result of arrangements made yesterday afternoon. DCI is briefing on various trouble spots.

DDS noted that State Department now desires to stay within the [redacted] limit in construction of a new Embassy in Saigon.

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Sherman Kent noted that the "occupation" of the SAM Site near Hanoi renders academic the memo earlier prepared for SecDef. This and other evidence, such as the current movement of IL-28 bombers to NVN is under study in ONE.

Kent noted that there had been a failure last year to produce sanitized versions of the Soviet Nuclear NIE (11-2). DDCI directed that this be done for sure this year, and that it be handled within 30 days. ☐ was asked to keep a check on this.

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Kent noted the request by Moyers of the White House for an Estimate on the outlook on US-Soviet relations in the face of Vietnam and the Dominican Republic. It was agreed that this would be done as a formal NIE to be considered at USIB next year.

Kent reported that a sequel to the earlier ONE assessment of the Dominican Republic is in process.

DDCI asked that DDS contact Marvin Watson of the White House Staff re Watson's request for two telephone operators.

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